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In re Application of :
OKUBO et al.

Serial No.: 09/849,980 : Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: May 8, 2001 : Examiner: Robinson, Hope A.

For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE :
HAVING WATER CHANNEL :
ACTIVITY AND DNA SEQUENCE :

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.